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SUBJ: SOUTHERN TURK CYPRIOTS, A DIMINISHING FACTOR?

1. IN RECENT WEEKS TURK AND CYPRIOT PROPAGANDA MACHINES HAVE MADE FATE OF SOUTHERN TURK CYPRIOTS CENTRAL ISSUE DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THERE WILL BE A THIRD ROUND OF MILITARY ACTIVITY. RECENT EMBOFF TRIP THROUGH SOUTHERN HALF OF ISLAND SUGGESTS THIS PROBLEM EXAGGERATED.

2. THERE NOT FEWER THAN 1,000 TURK CYPRIOTS REMAINING IN LARNACA DISTRICT. VAST MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS HAVE SEEPED NORTH THROUGH DHEKELIA SBA OR BEEN INVOLVED IN ONE OF HUMANITARIAN EXCHANGES. REMAINING TURK CYPRIOTS ARE LARGELY ELDERLY AND THUS ELIGIBLE FOR NORTHERN TRANSFER UNDER DENKTASH/CLERIDES FORMULA.

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3. LIMASSOL DISTRICT OFFICER STATES THERE 4,200 TURK CYPRIOTS REMAINING IN HIS DISTRICT, EXCLUDING THOSE ON EPISKOPI SBA. MAJORITY ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHOSE HUSBANDS AND FATHERS OPTED FOR NORTHERN RELEASE FROM PRISON CAMP. ALMOST ALL LOCATED IN LIMASSOL CITY. TOUR OF TOWN'S TURKISH QUARTER INDICATES MOST OF REMAINING TURK CYPRIOTS PLANNING NORTHERN TREK: CARD TABLES SET UP OUTSIDE VIRTUALLY ALL HOMES WITH PEOPLE SELLING POSSESSIONS TO EAGER GREEK BARGAIN HUNTERS. DISTRICT OFFICER SAID GOVERNMENT NOW TAKING STEPS COUNTER NORTHERN MIGRATION BUT QUESTIONABLE HOW EFFECTIVE THESE ARE IN PRACTICE. DURING RECENT TWO-DAY VISIT, FEW ROAD BLOCKS OBSERVED.

4. LARGEST CONCENTRATION OF SOUTHERN TURK CYPRIOTS IS ON EPISKOPI SBA, WHERE BRITISH HAVE COUNTED 8,500 REFUGEES IN LATEST CUFUS. WITH ONSET WINTER RAINS, THESE PEOPLE NOT LIVING IN DEPLORABLE CONDITIONS. CAMP RESEMBLES ONE OF POORER PALESTINIAN REFUGEE CENTERS. UNFORTUNATELY, INHABITANTS UNABLE LEAVE. THEIR VILLAGES HAVE BEEN TOTALLY LOOTED, WITH PLUMBING FIXTURES RIPPED OFF WALLS AND DOORS, WINDOWS STOLEN IN MANNER REMINISCENT OF SACK OF OMORPHITA. MOST COMMUNITY BUILDINGS, SCHOOLS, ETC. BURNED. MAJOR EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO REHABILITATE VILLAGES FOR REFUGEE RETURN AND, EVEN THEN, IT DOUBTFUL INHABITANTS WOULD AGREE GO BACK. VIRTUALLY ALL INTEND GO NORTH AND ARE AWAITING SOME SORT OF AGREEMENT AND/OR TURKISH ACTION WHICH WILL PERMIT THIS.

5. PAPHOS DISTRICT OFFICER CLAIMS THERE STILL 10,000 TURK CYPRIOTS IN DISTRICT (DOWN FROM 17,000 PRE-WAR). THIS DOUBTFUL. ONLY 200 TO 300 WOMEN AND CHILDREN REMAIN IN PAPHOS TOWN AND D.O.'S FIGURES FOR VILLAGES MOSTLY GUESSWORK. VILLAGES WE VISITED LARGELY DESERTED. D.O.'S ESTIMATE PRIMARILY BASED ON FACT THAT NUMBER (HE SAID SEVEN) ARMED TURKISH VILLAGES NEVER SURRENDERED TO NATIONAL GUARD AND HE ASSUMES POPULATIONS INTACT. EVEN IF THIS TRUE, 10,000 FIGURE WOULD APPEAR HIGH: VILLAGES CONCERNED ARE SMALL AND ISOLATED, WITH SEVERAL IN PROCESS BEING EVACUATED ON HUMANITARIAN

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BASIS. DURING CURRENT WEEK, APPROXIMATELY 1,000 INDIVIDUALS DUE GO NORTH AS RESULT DENKTASH/CLERIDES NEGOTIATIONS.

6. AS AMUSING ASIDE, D.O. NOTED THAT 15 FAMILIES IN PHINIKAS VILLAGE HAVE BEEN ORDERED BY TURKISH LEADERSHIP TO REMAIN IN PLACE AND REFUSE TRANSFER. VILLAGE LOCATED ON SITE PROPOSED WORLD BANK FINANCED IRRIGATION DAM AND GREEK OFFICIALS

EAGER RELOCATE INHABITANTS EITHER IN PAPHOS
OR IN TURKISH ZONE. GOVERN-
MENT AFRAID FORCE RELOCATION LEST THIS PROVIDE PRETEXT FOR
TURKISH MILITARY ACTION. THIS FEAR WIDESPREAD
IN PAPHOS AND IT CLEAR OFFICIALS MAKING LITTLE EFFORT IMPEDE
NORTHERN FLOW. WHILE NO ONE WILLING STATE IT EXPLICITLY, IT
OBVIOUS OFFICIALS WOULD BE MORE THAN
HAPPY TO HAVE ALL TURKISH RESIDENTS IN
DISTRICT MOVE NORTH.

7. CONCLUSION: TURKISH MINORITY IN SOUTH BEING DRAWN DOWN AT
RELATIVELY RAPID RATE. ASSUMING THIS CONTINUES FOLLOWING
MAKARIOS' RETURN, NEAR TOTAL POPULATION
EXCHANGE SHOULD BE COMPLETED WITHIN COUPLE OF
MONTHS. GREEK FEAR OF POSSIBLE TURKISH ACTION HAS RESULTED
IN RELATIVELY GOOD TREATMENT
FOR SOUTHERN TURK CYPRIOTS AWAITING TRANSFER. WITH EX-
CEPTION THOSE LOCATED ON SBA, TURKS IN SOUTH FAIRING FAR BETTER
THAN GREEKS LOCATED IN TURKISH ZONE OF OCCUPATION.
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